

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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GAUGE CONVERSION OF BHARUCH DAHEJ RAILWAY LINE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that a MoU has been reached between some agencies and ONGC for gauge conversion of Bharuch-Dahej railway line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the details of such agencies with their equity contribution for the project;
- (c) whether any other public sector undertaking is also willing to invest in the project;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which this project is likely to be completed ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) to (d): Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed among Rail Vikas Nigam Limited (RVNL), Gujarat Maritime Board and Gujarat Industrial Development Corporation (GIDC). Subsequently, a Shareholders Agreement was signed among the following shareholders for equity participation:

Equity (Rs. in core)

- (i) RVNL 25
- (ii) Gujarat Maritime Board 10
- (iii) Dahej Special Economic Zone (SEZ) Ltd. 10
- (iv) Gujarat Narmada Valley Fertilizer Company Ltd. 10
- (v) Adani Petronet (Dahej) Port Pvt. Ltd. 10

(e): The Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) will take up implementation of this project. The process of award of contract will start after signing of the Concession Agreement. A time frame can be fixed only after signing of Concession Agreement.